

DIARY NOTES

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ADD/A (Colonel White) [REDACTED]

8 January 1952

1. At the Deputy Directors' Meeting this morning,
 - a. I reported on the House Appropriations Committee's inquiry regarding the resignation of an individual in the Office of Operations with which you are familiar. The Director was not concerned and expects no call from the Hill. In this connection, Mr. Pforzheimer has been to the Hill and assures me that any further inquiry on the part of the House Appropriations Committee is extremely unlikely.
 - b. I reported on our visit with Mr. Reynolds. The Director seemed to be enthusiastic about the possibility of the Soldiers' Home area as an alternate site. He seemed to be convinced in his own mind that we could not get the entire [REDACTED] and, following my statement that Mr. Reynolds was of the opinion that we could come pretty close to meeting our needs if we reduced our personnel figure from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] said that he thought we ought to figure on housing about [REDACTED].
 - c. Mr. Hedden, although he has not completed his investigation of the unclassified pool administered by the AD/P, implied that the conditions found in this pool left very, very much to be desired. He did not go into too much detail but indicated that he did not think all of the personnel therein were being usefully employed so that their interests would be kept up and stated that he felt that either they should be paid more promptly or some arrangements should be made to loan them CIA money until they got paid. He was critical of the Credit Union for the high rate of interest charged and their service charge for cashing checks. (I advised George Meloon of this but took no action to correct the situation pending completion of Mr. Hedden's investigation.)

In this connection, Mr. Dulles gave me a letter which he

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pool since October, etc. (I checked this with George Meloon who advised that [REDACTED] had been security cleared today, subject to a polygraph test which will be done tomorrow, and that unless some derogatory information is found she certainly should be entered on duty in ORR by the end of this week. This information was relayed to [REDACTED] in Mr. Dulles' office.)

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2. [REDACTED] and I listened to OSO division chiefs and administrative officers for approximately two hours during which they expressed their dissatisfaction concerning administrative support which they have received during the past years. There were a number of complaints which John is looking into. [REDACTED] summarized by saying that in his opinion the specific actions which should be taken were as follows:

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- a. Provide clerical personnel to eliminate the critical shortage which now exists.
- b. Provide communications and technical equipment, some of which has not yet been developed.
- c. Correct Personnel's present thinking on classification and the present disparity which exists between OPC and OSO jobs of comparable responsibility. [REDACTED] strongly believes that an individual should carry his grade "on his back" without regard to whether the particular position which he occupies at a specific time calls for that specific grade.)
- d. SO should have its own pool of employees who are not fully cleared in order that they can guide their activities so as to be consistent with their future assignments. For ex-

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[REDACTED] replied at some length to the various points raised. The strongest point which he made was that most of these problems could have been settled long ago if OSO had brought them to his attention. He and I both emphasized that the DD/A's concept was to serve the operating offices and that if the Director or other competent authority had decided that a given project or program was to be undertaken it was their responsibility to figure out what they needed in order to successfully carry out such a program or project and that we considered it our responsibility to either supply the need or give them a reasonable explanation as to why it could not be supplied. They were encouraged to telephone John or me at any time when they made a request of one of our offices and failed to receive either compliance or a reasonably satisfactory explanation as to why compliance was impossible. There were many other details discussed which, I am sure, John will straighten out in a minimum of time.

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